

UNITED SOUTHEASTERN TRIBES, INC.

RESOLUTION NO. 77-13

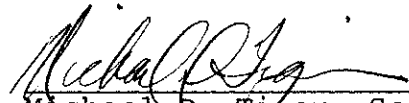
TRIBAL INPUT INTO B.I.A. BUDGET PROCESS

- WHEREAS, The Bureau of Indian Affairs (B.I.A.) is the lead agency in the Federal Government for Indian affairs and
- WHEREAS, the B.I.A. has the trust responsibility to protect and manage the natural resources and other resources of Indian Tribes and
- WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States Government has indicated their support of the tribal self-determination principle through passage of P. L. 93-638 and P. L. 94-437 and
- WHEREAS, the budget process of the B.I.A. is currently controlled by the U. S. Department of the Interior and
- WHEREAS, the only tribal input into the budget process of the B.I.A. is through very limited use of the BAND Analysis system of local prioritization of programs and
- WHEREAS, the theory of BAND Analysis is impressive on paper and appears to be a progressive step toward self-determination, the fact remains that less than 50% of the B.I.A.'s total budget authority is included in the BAND Analysis for local tribal prioritization and
- WHEREAS, the concept of Indian self-determination dictates that planning efforts must originate at the local level with corresponding authority to establish a budget to effectively implement the plan being proposed, now
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the U.S.E.T. Executive Committee, along with the Officers of the Board of Directors, strongly urges the Secretary of the Interior to begin permitting the tribes to submit plans with corresponding budget levels necessary for implementation of such plans and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the BAND Analysis system of local priorities be revised to include 100% of the budget authority that has been set aside for each tribe so that effective adjustments in the programs can be determined by the tribes and the Superintendents.

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that at a Joint Meeting of the Executive Committee and Administrative Operations Committee properly convened and held at Asheville, North Carolina, on July 25, 1977, that this resolution was duly adopted.


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